

INSIDE GOLF NEWSPAPER

Idaho's Circling Raven will host Symetra Tour tournament

The LPGA's mini tour, the Symetra Tour, will make its presence known in the Pacific Northwest this year with the inaugural Circling Raven Championship set for Aug. 28-30 at Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley, Idaho. In 2019, the Symetra Tour had 23 events and over \$4 million in prize money.



WHAT'S NEW IN NW GOLF

If it's late winter, it must be golf show time in NW

If it's winter time in the Pacific Northwest it must mean it's golf show time. Here is a quick look at the three shows in the Pacific Northwest coming up this winter at three different Northwest venues:

- The Spokane Golf Show is set for Feb. 22-23 at the Spokane Convention Center. The two-day show will feature over 100 exhibitors and there will be free golf with every admission.
- The Portland Golf Show is set for Feb. 28-March 1 at the Oregon Convention Center. The three-day show will feature exhibitors, instruction and more.
- The Seattle Golf Show will be held March 7-8 at the CenturyLink Events Center. There will be free rounds of golf for every entry. Free lessons and instructions will be available on the show floor. There will also be a 19th hole and fun skills competitions. Saturday will be a kids and family day.

Long-time PNGA supporter Dr. Jack Lamey passes

Whenever anyone thinks of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, one of the first names to come up is Dr. Jack Lamey. And for good reason. Lamey spent over 40 years as a member of the Seattle Golf Club and away from the club, was active with the PNGA on and off the course.

Dr. Jack Lamey passed away recently leaving a gaping hole in NW amateur golf.

Dr. Jack Lamey served as president of the PNGA and helped create several positive changes in Northwest golf along the way. The PNGA has honored Lamey by naming the PNGA Cup tournament, which he founded in 2006, to the PNGA Lamey Cup.

Community was important for Lamey who was a board member of Big Brothers of Seattle and was on the advisory board for the Washington golf team. He will be missed.

Registration now open for Drive, Chip & Putt events

Registration is now open for the annual Drive, Chip and Putt qualifiers through DriveChipandPutt.com

The event is presented by both the USGA and the Masters Tournament with the finalists meeting at Augusta National right before The Masters Tournament.

Local qualifiers will begin this summer and then from there, players will advance to regional qualifiers. There will be a total of 10 regional qualifiers before the national event.

Rules Quiz

Your ball is at rest in the general area of the course near a putting green. Another player accidentally moves the ball. You know you must replace the ball but won't seem to stay at rest when you try. What do you do? See answer on Page 2 of this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Special pull-out section for Golf Teacher Directory inside this issue

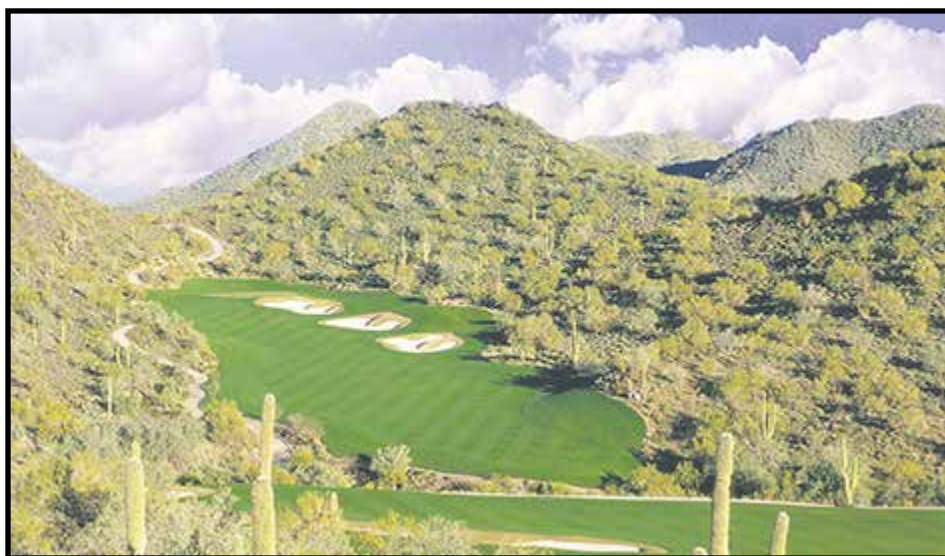
If you are serious about getting your game in shape in time for spring, then you will want to check out our special feature called The Golf Teacher Directory. This special gives you a chance to see some of the best instructors in the Pacific Northwest and the opportunity to find an instructor that fits your specific needs. Don't start the 2020 golf season with the same old problems. Remember the information you take away from a professional instructor will stay with you for a lifetime and the rewards you will gain are priceless.

See the special section inside this issue for more on the best golf instructors in the Pacific Northwest.

Destination: North Bellingham Golf Course



If links golf is what you like, then North Bellingham Golf Course in Bellingham, Wash. has exactly what you are looking for. This links-style course sits on hundreds of acres and features a layout with the typical links obstacles including the winds. There is plenty to like from the views around the golf course to the practice area. For more on North Bellingham Golf Course, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.



Arizona is a great option for some late-winter golfing

If you are still looking to make a winter golf getaway, it's not too late to make a trip to the Valley of the Sun and see what the Phoenix area has to offer for some golf deals.

Places like Quintero Golf Club (pictured left) and Superstition Springs are a pair of popular choices. In fact, Quintero is ranked as one of the top golf courses in Arizona.

For more on both of these golfing gems, please see inside this section of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Even without the thousands of fans, the 16th at TPC Scottsdale is a pressure shot

You have certainly heard about the Waste Management Phoenix Open. You have heard about the huge crowds, the party-like atmosphere throughout the TPC Scottsdale Stadium Course, the 16,000-plus fans on the par-3 16th hole . . . this is more than just a golf tournament. It's a week-long party where the golf happens to get in the way.

If you have seen the course on television, that is one thing. It's kind of like seeing Augusta National on television but you really don't realize how hilly the place is until you've been there. Same thing in Phoenix. Sure, you see the fans and the tents - but if you get a chance to play the course when it is all set up - that's another thing.

At the Waste Management Phoenix Open media day, it was a chance to play and see the course with all the bells and whistles. And these bells and whistles are big.

There are hospitality tents everywhere. The 16th hole must be seen to be believe from the tee box with the thousands of seats and suites lining both sides of the hole.

At the media day, our group was lucky enough to start on the 17th hole, a driveable par-4 (OK, for some but not for me) and we knew what hole we would be finishing up on. The timing couldn't have been better.

The tournament is in its 85th year and is the fifth oldest on the PGA Tour. Remember the days where Tiger Woods played and had fans help him move a huge boulder and he played the 16th hole without all the grandstands. This is a tournament that was named the 2019 tournament of the year by the PGA Tour and a tournament which is close to giving \$160 million to charity through the years. The Thunderbirds are the group which operates the tournament and every year they seem to up the ante.

This year new hospitality areas have been added, some areas have been increased and



Waste Management is signed on to be the title sponsor for years.

But what sets this tournament apart from every other on the PGA Tour schedule is the atmosphere and the work with charity. Mention the tournament to any golfer, and the first

thing they think of is the 16th hole.

We had a chance to play it where the professionals do. On the surface is a 160-yard par-3 with a bunker left and a seemingly fairly easy shot. During tournament week, it's a different animal with the constant noise, cheering for good shots and boos for bad shots. On this day, I hit a weak shot short right. And there was no one watching. Highly disappointing. My playing partner John Dunn nearly knocked it in the hole for an ace. After some fake crowd cheers, he made the short putt for birdie.

Even without the fans, this was a treat to see the course all dressed up for tournament week.

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Three weeks before the Waste Management, here is what the 16th tee box looks like at the TPC Scottsdale.



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Double Bogey

Harold Bluestein, PGA



Rules Answer

- Answer: You must try a second time to replace the ball on the spot. If it will not stay on the spot you must replace the ball by placing it on the nearest spot where the ball will stay at rest but with the following limits: The spot must not be nearer the hole. Original spot in the General Area. The nearest spot must be in the general Area. Original spot in Bunker or Penalty Area. The nearest spot must be either in the same bunker or in the same penalty area. Original Spot on Putting Green. The nearest spot must be either on the putting green or in the general area.
- Inside Golf would like to thank Paul Lucien for his rules questions each month.

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North Bellingham Golf Course offers a scenic links-style layout with plenty of challenges.

North Bellingham: Links-style golf course also has some terrific conditions year-round

There is plenty to like about North Bellingham Golf Course, located in the town that it is named after. There is the 18-holes of links-style golf, the views of nearby Mount Baker, the hundreds of acres the course is designed upon and it is a course with some terrific conditions year-round.

North Bellingham Golf Course has always had a reputation for great greens and great drainage, making it a year-round destination for many golfers north and south of the U.S.-Canadian border. There are also the little things that golfers like when looking for a course to tee it up at - including a \$10,000 hole-in-one pot on the 16th hole if you tack on an extra \$5 for the greens fees and the great food from 9 Restaurant. In fact, most of the food is made from scratch and the restaurant is popular for both golfers and non golfers.

The course opened for play back in 1995 and was

North Bellingham Golf Course

- **Where:** Bellingham, Wash.
- **Course:** Links-style course features 18 holes with yardage of 6,793 from the tips. There are five sets of tees.
- **Restaurant:** 9 Restaurant serves mostly meals made from scratch.
- **Memberships:** Variety of memberships are offered from \$79.99 to \$1,649 - the deal which includes unlimited free golf.
- **Information:** 360.398.8300.

designed by Ted Locke. Interestingly, the course found that many of its golfers came from Canada that first year with Canadians looking for good courses and good deals. They found that at North Bellingham.

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USGA, R&A change rules for prizes amateurs can win; last month for the non-posting season

The USGA and The R&A are conducting a review of the Rules of Amateur Status to make them easier to understand and apply.

The comprehensive evaluation is part of the continued joint effort to modernize the Rules by reducing complexity and ensuring the Rules effectively guide how the game is played today.

As part of a review process that began in 2019, the governing bodies will seek the perspectives of golf's stakeholders as an integral component of the review process, including elite amateur golfers, golf event organizers, national golf associations, professional golf associations and other industry partners.

The aim is to provide the golf community with a modernized set of the Amateur Status Rules in late 2021, with the goal of an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Thomas Pagel, senior managing director of Governance at the USGA, said, "One of golf's greatest benefits is that it can be played by all ages and played for a lifetime. It is our goal to ensure that the fundamental concept of what it means to be an amateur golfer is clear and retained to promote fair competition and enjoyment for everyone, while still addressing many issues that seek to protect the game. This is a forward-thinking approach and engaging golfers is a key component of doing what's best for golf."

New Rule 3-2b will read as follows:

Rule 3-2b. Hole-in-One Prizes: An amateur golfer may accept a prize in excess of the limit in Rule 3-2a, including a cash prize, for making a hole-in-one during a round of golf on a golf course.

An amateur golfer may also accept a prize in excess of the limit in Rule 3-2a, including a cash prize, for making a hole-in-one during contests held outside a round of golf, including multiple-entry contests and contests conducted other than on a golf course (e.g., on a driving range, golf simulator or putting green) provided in all cases that the length of the shot is at least

50 yards. More information on the Rules of Amateur Status can be found at www.usga.org and www.randa.org.

Last month for non-posting

It's that time of the season for golfers in the Pacific Northwest. As of the middle of November it is no longer allowed to post scores at courses shot around the Pacific Northwest. The non-posting time will run through the end of February

The reason for the non-posting of scores at golf courses in the Pacific Northwest is because of Mother Nature and the fact that all courses play what is called Winter Rules during the months of November through the end of February.

However, if you travel outside of the Pacific Northwest to places like Hawaii and Arizona, you can still post those scores.

Las Vegas World Amateur

If you are looking for another winter tournament escape from the Pacific Northwest, the Las Vegas World Amateur is set for Feb. 24-26 at some of the top courses in Las Vegas.

The three-day tournament will be held at the Revere Golf Club's Lexington and Concord courses as well as Chimera Golf Club. The tournament is open to golfers of all handicaps.

The entry fee of \$525 includes the three tournament rounds of golf, golf carts and range balls each day, a welcome party, tournament awards banquet and more. For more information on the Las Vegas World Amateur, call 206.818.4653.

Architect Pete Dye dies

Legendary golf course architect Pete Dye, whose designs have played host to dozens of USGA championships, died on Jan. 9 in Gulf Stream, Fla., 12 days

after turning 94. His death comes 11 months after he lost his wife, Alice, a two-time U.S. Senior Women's Amateur champion and a collaborator on many of her husband's iconic courses.

Many of Dye's layouts are recognizable for their pot bunkers, bulwarks, small greens, railroad ties and other features he discovered in a transformational visit to Scottish links courses in 1963.

His courses are also highly challenging, earning Dye monikers such as Marquis de Sod and Dye-abolical. In perfect Dye character, he once said of his design philosophy, "Life is not fair, so why should I make a course that is fair?" He also said, "The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody put a flagstick on top."

Although none of his more than 100 designs has hosted a U.S. Open, layouts such as Blackwolf Run, in Kohler, Wis.; Crooked Stick, in Carmel, Ind.; Whistling Straits, in Haven, Wis.; Oak Tree National, in Edmond, Okla.; and The Honors Course, in Ooltewah, Tenn., have been the sites of historic USGA championships.

Cheadle teams up with USGA

The United States Golf Association (USGA) has teamed up with Academy Award-nominated actor and United Nations Environment Program Global Goodwill Ambassador Don Cheadle in an effort to increase the value of public golf to golfers, courses and communities throughout America.

Cheadle, an avid golfer with a passion for the game, recognizes that the long-term viability of the sport depends on strengthening the health of public golf, while finding ways for the game to operate in a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly manner.

Cheadle will also serve as a U.S. Open brand ambassador, lending his esteemed voice and stature to showcase what makes the championship truly special.

Seattle Golf Show set for March 7-8

This year's Seattle Golf Show, set for March 7-8 at the CenturyLink Events Center, coincides perfectly with what should be the return of beautiful spring weather, drawing over 125 of our favorite courses, resorts and golf business, each offering first looks at exclusive new products, early-season discounts to the best tracks, summertime stay-and-play values and more.

In addition, golfers will have the first chance to see and swing the new clubs for 2020, and take advantage of exclusive savings on late-model clubs from all the big names. In fact, with its date barely a month after the PGA Merchandise Show, where manufacturers unveil their new products to the public for the first time, Seattle golfers will be among the first in the country to put their hands on the year's hottest new sticks — in many cases, up to a month before they'll even be in stores.

Manufacturers reps will be on-site in the Puetz Golf Testing and Fitting Zone, an indoor driving range where golfers can test-drive all the new clubs, at no additional cost. Shoot, in many cases, reps will even swap out shafts and heads, or fire up the Trackman to help dial in the perfect fit, all included with the price of admission.

That price? Just \$15 (\$14 for seniors and active-duty military or emergency personnel), which includes no fewer than five rounds of golf, including one each to Eagles Pride, High Cedars and Whispering Firs, plus your choice of a round to either Snohomish Golf Course or Battle Creek, and a second choice of round to either Desert Aire or Sun Country Golf & RV. The first 1,000 golfers who buy their ticket online can get an even better deal, including those five rounds plus a bonus round to Mount Si, while golfers taking advantage of the limited-edition Players Tour Pass receive maximum value, including all the front-door rounds mentioned above, plus extra goodies.

Whatever you do, don't miss it. From Sonics legends like Slick Watts, to NFL stars like Jermaine Kearse, to music icons like Macklemore, you never know who you'll run into at the Seattle Golf Show.



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Quintero, Superstition Springs: There are always some terrific choices for an Arizona golf trip

As you make your way out of the Pacific Northwest on a golf trip to Arizona, there are always dozens of choices to make. Here are a couple of choices if the Northwest winter weather still has you looking for a late winter break as you make your way to the Valley of the Sun.

Quintero Golf Club in Peoria is celebrating its 20th year in play and has been at the top or near the top of every list of the top golf courses in Arizona since the Rees Jones-designed course opened.

Quintero might seem a little out of the way, but this is a course that is certainly worth the drive. Carved out of the Sonoran Desert and nestled against some desert foothills, Quintero has just about everything you need in a championship courses. From its dramatic par-3 holes to its length from the tips (7,249 yards) to its elevation changes, there is little wonder why Quintero continues to rack up the awards. The course is *Golf Digest's* top ranked course in Arizona and #74 in the nation for 2020.

Not only is the course a major attraction, but there are stay and play opportunities as well. With choices like the Terrace Casitas and the Executive Lofts, you can stay right at the course and enjoy the amenities like a pool, jacuzzi, barbeque entertainment area and more. Lake Pleasant is nearby for some boating opportunities and there are plenty of hiking and biking chances around the area.

There are plenty of public golf course choices to make when traveling for that Arizona golf vacation, but Superstition Springs in Mesa offers a challenging course in a good location with good prices.

But what sets Superstition Springs apart is that it is part of the Arcis Golf Group and offers a variety of ways to keep golf affordable. There are three main plans that are offered from the Arcis Players Card to

Arcis Players Prime to the Arcis Players Club. The Players Club card runs \$39 per month and offers full use of the practice facilities and golf discounts, the Arcis Players Prime is \$59 a month and has unlimited play and range time at six area clubs and the Arcis Players Card has a series of discounts and the price varies at each Arcis course.

Superstition Springs has plenty of holes that get your attention from the fourth hole, a short par-4 with a tough approach to the 600-yard, par-5 sixth hole and finally the 18th hole, a par-4 with a stream winding through the entire hole.

If you are still looking for that late winter golf break, keep a trip to Arizona in mind.



Quintero Golf Club, northwest of Phoenix, is considered one of the top golf courses in the state of Arizona.



Superstition Springs Golf Course in Mesa is one of the most popular courses in the Valley of the Sun and features variety of Arcis membership programs to choose from.



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PNGA makes major changes to its 2020 championships

By The PNGA

In 2019, the PNGA went through a much-needed assessment on its purpose and mission, specifically when it comes to the administration of championships.

British Columbia Golf, Idaho Golf Association (IGA), Oregon Golf Association (OGA), and Washington Golf (WA Golf) are all active allied associations of the PNGA. A great deal of time working together for the betterment of the game in the Pacific Northwest. When you collectively combine all of our different formats, schedules, and activities, it becomes very clear that some of the PNGA Championships are competing and/or conflicting with allied association events and we feel this is not good for the game.

The PNGA was founded in 1899 to conduct a regional men's and women's amateur championship and identify the top players in the Pacific Northwest, but also to allow top players from around North America to compete in our region. It was not until the 1980's that the PNGA added net competitions to some of its championships. At the time, this was done to attract a more diverse range of handicaps and golfing abilities to play in PNGA Championships. Since then, our allied associations have evolved and added much needed tournaments within their state or province that appeal to every type of golfing ability and provides a great membership benefit.

Therefore, the PNGA Board of Directors approved changes to our championships that will result in the PNGA solely focusing on competitions for the top amateur golfers in the Pacific Northwest. This will be done by retiring some championships, eliminating net competitions, and some new eligibility requirements. This will ultimately help to align all our schedules so that our regional championships are the next step a highly competitive player makes after playing in his or her State or Provincial championships.

This decision was extremely difficult. The PNGA realizes that by eliminating net competitions some loyal PNGA Championship participants might not play. However, the PNGA encourages everyone to take a

2020 PNGA changes for its championships

PNGA Senior and Super Senior Men's Amateur

June 2-4, 2020

Eliminate Open Division which also removes all net competition

Lower maximum handicap index from 12.4 to 8.4

Senior field limit is reduced from 72 to 60

Super Senior field limit remains at 42

PNGA Senior and Super Senior Women's Amateur

June 2-4, 2020

Dates will move from October to June

Administered concurrently with PNGA Senior and

Super Senior Men's Amateur

Senior field limit reduced to 36

Super Senior field limit reduced to 18

Lower maximum handicap index for Seniors from 22.4 to 12.4

Lower maximum handicap index for Super Seniors from 26.4 to 12.4

Remove all net competition

This will become a 54-hole championship (previously was 36 holes) making the Senior Women's eligible for World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points.

PNGA Men's Master-40 Amateur

June 22-26, 2020

Format will revert back to 36-hole stroke play qualifying

Lower maximum handicap index from 16.4 to 8.4

Only the low 32 players will advance to match play

There will be no longer be additional match play flights

PNGA Women's Amateur and Mid-Amateur

July 13-17, 2020

Lower maximum handicap index for Women's Amateur from 12.4 to 8.4

Lower maximum handicap index for Women's Mid-Amateur from 16.4 to 12.4

PNGA Junior Boys' and Junior Girls'

August 17-21, 2020

Lower maximum handicap index for Boys from 24.4 to 8.4

Lower maximum handicap index for Girls from 40.4 to 8.4

Boys: The low 32 players will advance to match play

Girls: The low 16 players will advance to match play

There will no longer be additional match play flights

PNGA Men's Senior and Super Senior Team

PNGA Women's Senior and Super Senior Team

N/A – Retired

PGA Tour makes moves on slow play

After years of meticulous study and thousands of shots analyzed by ShotLink, and in light of a desire to keep the focus on the golf, the PGA TOUR is announcing major enhancements to its existing slow-play policy that will go into effect at the RBC Heritage in mid-April.

Fines will go up as much as tenfold, stroke penalties could be meted out more frequently, and individual players will be on notice that they're on the slow list.

To that end, the TOUR will implement two major enhancements to deter slow play:

The Observation List – Historically, the slow-play policy has focused on groups being out of position. The Observation List will put additional focus on individuals whom ShotLink data has identified as the most egregiously slow players. Those players will go on and off the list based on a 10-tournament rolling period and will be subject to a 60-second average for all shots. If observed by a Rules Official to exceed this time, that player will be timed individually even if the group is in position.

Excessive Shot Times – Anyone in the field who takes more than 120 seconds to play a single shot, absent a good reason for doing so, will be given an Excessive Shot Time.

Additionally, fines and penalties for slow play have been enhanced significantly. Officials will now assess a one-stroke penalty for the second bad time in a tournament, not a round, and for every bad time thereafter in the same tournament. The fines for the second bad time in a season and for 10 cumulative timings in a season have also been raised to \$50,000. The fine for a second bad time in a season currently is \$5,000. Individuals in addition to group position.

strong look at your state or provincial golf association schedule. The PNGA is confident you will find many opportunities and formats to enjoy.

The chart in the middle of this story are the changes that will go into effect in 2020. This includes consolidating the number of championships and utilizing our time and resources efficiently to continue our reputation of administering the best regional amateur championships.

As we look into the future of PNGA Championships, we anticipate this philosophical change will ultimately provide top amateurs in the Pacific Northwest the ability to earn more World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points and earn recognition and qualify for

regional, national, and international events. Additionally, we hope to create the opportunity to invite other top amateurs from around the world to compete, further elevating our regional championships.

The golf industry strives to be more inclusive and inviting for anyone that wants to play or compete in this amazing game. The allied associations in the Pacific Northwest are better equipped to provide that opportunity for everyone and we hope you understand why this change is necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the PNGA office at (206) 526-1238 or send us an email at troy.andrew@thepnga.org or scotty.crouthamel@thepnga.org.



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Seattle Golf Club’s Doug Doxsie elected to PGA of America spot

Doug Doxsie, PGA Head Golf Professional at Seattle Golf Club in Shoreline, Wash., has joined the PGA Board of Directors as District 14 Director for the PGA of America. He was elected at the 103rd PGA Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, Fla. Doxsie will serve a three-year term, representing the Pacific Northwest and Southwest PGA Sections.

An accomplished player and distinguished PGA Member since 1988, Doxsie has earned numerous awards and accolades in the Pacific Northwest PGA Section, highlighted by being named PGA Golf Professional of the Year three times (1999, 2003, 2005). He was the recipient of the Section’s 2017 Bill Strausbaugh Award and was named the PGA Merchandiser of the Year—Private Category in 2000.

Committed to volunteering, Doxsie’s passion to serve steered him to several leadership positions within the Pacific Northwest Section PGA. A member of its Board of Directors, Doxsie served as president in 2003-2004. Since 1995, he has also served as chairman of six committees on behalf of the Section.

A 1983 graduate of the University of Puget Sound, with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Doxsie was a NCAA Division II Golf All-American in 1982 and 1983. In 1996, he became the first and

only golfer elected into the University of Puget Sound Athletic Hall of Fame.

Doxsie resides in Issaquah, Wash. with his wife of 32 years, Pam. They have two children, Caitlin and Drew, who both reside in Seattle.

The PGA Board of Directors is composed of the Association’s President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary President, and 17 Directors. The Directors include representatives from each of the PGA’s 14 Districts, two Independent Directors and a member of the PGA Tour. New District Directors are elected by their local PGA Sections.

Dates set for Northwest Majors

The events and dates have been set for the major championships in the Pacific Northwest for professionals and amateurs.

First up will be the Muckleshoot Casino Washington Open set for May 18-20 at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent. Next up will be the Oregon Open, set for June 16-18 at Black Butte Ranch’s Glaze Meadow course. The Rosauers will be played July 17-19 at Spokane’s Indian Canyon Golf Course while the NW Open will be held Aug. 17-19 at Wine Valley.

Did you know....

• Under the new World Handicap System, Handicap Indexes are revised daily at midnight local time. If a score was not posted or a change to your record was not made, your handicap index will not change.



• Being a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association comes with many benefits throughout the year. In fact, PNGA members have access to reduced green fees at The Home Course, OGA Golf Course, and Chambers Bay.



Tour Players With Northwest ties

PGA Tour

- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • 195th on the list with \$61,749
- Ben Crane • Portland • 190th on the list with \$71,831
- Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 49th on the list with \$647,759
- Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 217th on the list with \$21,885
- Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 50th on the list with \$645,343
- Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 134th on the list with \$206,303
- Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 71st on the list with \$445,566
- Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 87th on the list with \$358,612
- Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 149th on the list with \$173,168
- Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
- Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 157th on the list with \$149,685
- Scott Harrington • Portland • 37th on the list with \$837,787

Korn Ferry Tour

- Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No Events
- Scott Harrington • Portland • No Events
- Brock Mackenzie • Yakima • No Events
- Alex Prugh • 41st on the list with \$7,628

Champions Tour

- Fred Couples • Seattle • 2nd on the list with \$170,000
- Bob Gilder • Corvallis • No Events
- Brian Henninger • Eugene • No Events
- Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
- Kirk Triplett • Pullman • 36th on the list with \$12,000

Mackenzie Tour (Canada)

- Derek Barron • Puyallup • No Events
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events
- Chris Killmer • Bellingham • No Events
- Cory Pereira • Ex-UW • No Events
- Chris Williams • Ex-UW • No Events
- Eugene Wong • Ex-Oregon • No Events

LPGA Tour

- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events

LPGA Symetra Tour

- Jimin Kang • Seattle • No Events
- Mallory Kent • Seattle • No Events
- Sadena Parks • Tacoma • No Events
- Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events
- Kim Welch • Ex-WSU • No Events
- Erynne Lee • Silverdale • No Events



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The Lesson Tee: With these three aspects, you just might become a better ball striker in 2020

It seems amazing that we have entered 2020. I remember wondering about the turning of 2000 and Y2K.

I do believe we can be better ball strikers in this coming year. If we did these three aspects, drills and swing stations great things would take place.

1) Photo 1; Anti arm lift, more turn. Ben Hogan imagined swinging under a plane of glass resting on his shoulders. This enhances depth of your backswing, turning your pivot rather than merely lifting ones arms.

2) Photo 2; Shallower attack thru "Hitting Zone!" Place a soft on the ground parallel to the target line. Make sure your club head works under the shaft on ground. Hit shots off a tee. Promotes proper plane thru hitting zone. Most consistent path. Zach Johnson does this regularly.

3) Photo 3; Practice IMPACT! Squaring the club face to the board or golf ball consistently. Hands lead to and thru golf ball and hitting zone. Shoulders square ant impact, weight left, hips, slightly cleared. Copy the photo.

You can set up all the images and stations at home. Do the drills with or without hitting shots.

Get better no matter the weather.

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Editor's note: Inside Golf Newspaper would like to congratulate our instructional columnist Jeff Coston on being named the top teacher in the state of Washington by Golf Digest Magazine.



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Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

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Dan Altmayer: Not the thing to do to play politics with your portfolio

You're probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen.

But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you'll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that's not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

- Making changes for the right reasons – While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some – though certainly not all – of your investment dollars from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.
- Following a long-term strategy – In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success – and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk toler-



ance and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets – up, down and sideways.

- Avoiding mistakes – Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to “get in on the ground floor” of some company that ultimately grew to huge proportions. But it's pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments.
- However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing “hot” stocks. By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs. Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. (However, diversification by itself can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses).

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

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Looking for that solid feeling on shots, impact position is the key



Impact is key to getting a solid feeling good shot.

Here is two very different still photos of impact position .

If you body stays, too far behind the ball at “impact” your shots might result in:

Chunking it, hitting it fat, skulling it.

Your torso (sternum) is too far behind the ball, therefore your bottom of your “swing” it not where the “ball is” .

Notice the feel of this “impact position.” This is what we are looking for. We call this turning to the left side, get to the left leg (if your body will allow it), push off the ground with your right foot to feel this.

We want your head slightly behind the ball, your hips at an “angle,” your arms extended to make solid contact with the ball.

Work on this “impact feel,” I used three alignment rods to help feel the “three walls in golf.”

Sometimes working on impact feel (feels that position) is key to what your body does in motion.

I look forward to seeing everyone this winter at SilverRock Resort, in LaQuinta, California.

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Rules of the Game: Bunker problems? Make sure to assess the situation first

**Pat
Campbell**



The player found herself in a steep bunker with steps inside it to access the bunker safely. Her ball was in a position that she would have interference from the steps if she wanted to make a stroke at her ball. She correctly determined she was entitled to free relief from the steps, dropped her ball within the one club length free relief area no closer to the hole and frowned. She now had no room for a backswing as she was very close to the steep back bank of the bunker. The accompanying photos show her predicament both before and after dropping her ball.

Her response, "I'll just take a one stroke penalty under the new rules and drop outside the bunker," caused me to wince. There was both good and bad news here. Yes she could drop outside the bunker, but it was going to cost her more than one stroke. The reason? Once she dropped the ball under the correct rule of interference from an Immovable Obstruction, her ball was now in play. A ball in play cannot be picked up or moved without applying a Rule of Golf. She was now required to declare it unplayable for a one stroke penalty, select the option of dropping outside the



Assess your situation in a bunker before you decide which way to play the shot.

bunker for a second penalty stroke and then proceed.

Is there any way she could have avoided getting a total of two penalty strokes while still getting what she wanted; in this case, a drop outside the bunker? Yes, there is. Upon declaring that she wished to take relief from the steps, she could have immediately gone outside the bunker and dropped the ball outside for a one stroke penalty.

It must be dropped on a line behind the spot where her ball originally lay and where the hole is located, often referred to as back-on-the-line relief. A careful assessment of the situation might have shown the likelihood of



the difficult shot from the free relief drop in the bunker.

The moral of the story is....assess first, then pick up your ball. Above all, if you have already picked it up, know that you are committed.

If it is already in your hand, hang on to it until you are sure of what you can do for the least number of strokes.

The new Rules of Golf sound like you get a few freebies, but you really don't. Check out the videos on the USGA.com website for more interesting situations and applications. It may save you a stroke and we all appreciate that!

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